



Healthy Young Children & Families Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2019
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Children & Families First
91 Wolf Creek Boulevard
Dover, DE 19901

The mission of the DECC is to promote the development of a comprehensive and coordinated early childhood system, birth to eight, which provides the highest quality services and environment for Delaware's children and their families.

Attendance: Leslie Newman, Crystal Sherman, Jamie Walko, Barbara Johnson, Dawn Alexander, Donna Snyder-White, Yeni Marlow, Susan Campbell, Mary Moor, Debbie Taylor

Approval of Minutes:

- Addition to March 7th minutes- School Districts not using ASQ- Seaford, Milford, Caesar Rodney
- Discussion about how to engage these school districts to use ASQ
- What are they using? Caesar Rodney using DIAL and Milford using Battelle screener

ASQ/Developmental Screening Discussion:

- Jamie Walko shared handouts about the ASQ screening process- documents are in draft form and will be revised
- All School Districts have 2 url;s- one for birth- 36 mos and 3-5 years old
- New Directions EHS does ASQ3 annually within 45 days and ASQ SE at each milestone- screening done when family applies. Intake and registration may be different person for each.
- HS requires screenings to be done in first 45 days- is the requirement that screenings must be done when family applies- **Action Item- Debbie will check the HS standards**
- UW policy group- external group of stakeholders
 - Developmental screenings tied to UW policy agenda- grade level reading at 3rd grade
 - Rep. Longhurst is introducing a bill to have a school counselor in every elementary school
 - Is this something our committee wants to support?
- HV and ASQ- 4 evidence –based HV programs- Healthy Families DE, Nurse Family Partnerships, PAT, EHS-**Action Item- Jamie will attend a CAB meeting (Community Advisory Board for Home Visiting)**
- OEL has subscription for ASQ for the state- Portals can't "talk" to each other, Others who have portals: each Stars programs, Readiness Teams, DFS, Birth to Three

- Policies/Legislation in other States
 - CCDBG drives some requirements/recommendations in states
 - What does DE's CCDF state plan say? **Action Item- Invite Belvie Herbert or someone from DHSS to our next meeting- Leslie will contact DHSS**
 - Does MD require or recommend screenings for licensed child care programs? **Action Item- Dawn will follow up to find out what MD does.**
 - Is the climate right to think about legislation to require screenings? No fiscal cost, UW/OEL supports. **Action Item- review the language MD is using for requiring or recommending screenings. Share our recommendation with DECC.**
 - What's in the OCCL regulations, can something be added to DE Stars in the re-design process? Discussion to include screening as an essential standard for Star Levels 4 & 5.
 - **Clarification- The ASQ is currently an essential standard for Star 4 and 5 programs. Stars may consider making changes to expand screening as an essential standard**

Early Childhood Comprehensive (ECCS) Impact Grant:

HRSA Federal site visit in August. Campaign to link developmental milestones with school readiness- ads on Dart buses and posters in shelters

- Would like to connect to Sussex Co. radio station – Spanish population
Action Item- Debbie will check with Paulina to see if Telamon may be helpful
- 211 Campaign – Help Me Grow- for parents to get developmental screenings done
Action Item- Crystal will share the ad and find out how long the campaign will last

ECIC Committee:

- Inclusion Guide being finalized – should be completed by Memorial Day
- No ECIC meetings for the remainder of the year

Project Launch:

- Project Launch will end its' 5 yrs in Sept. No approval yet to have a no cost extension to spend down the funds.
- The Division submitted an application for a new funding opportunity for Project Launch. The catchment area identified is Colonial School District. Should know by July , services to start in October.
- ECMH Consultants- Mary will participate in the Community Conversations, dispel myth that there is a waiting list for ECMH consultant services
 - NCC and Kent referrals are up, Sussex referrals are down
 - 1 ECMH consultant funded through Project Launch
 - No correlation for referrals increasing and trauma informed awareness or developmental screenings
 - This works links to expulsion/suspension- MADC DHSS soft "kick off" , more work to be done to roll out expulsion/suspension "policy"
 - PCIT training – increase capacity-6 clinicians- Infant /Toddler PCIT pilot

QT 30: App in the works

Next Meeting: JULY 16TH 1-3 PM CFF DOVER

Healthy Young Children & Families Committee Key Responsibilities

- *Identify strategic priorities for healthy young children & families based on the overall strategic plan for the Delaware Early Childhood Council, and recommend strategies for new program development or continuous improvement of existing programs and services.*
- *Review and recommend periodic program evaluations.*
- *Identify opportunities for cross-system collaboration and coordination to improve services, leverage funds, or create new funding sources for early health initiatives.*
- *Work in collaboration with the EIEIO, a sub-committee of the Healthy Young Children & Families Committee, to identify strategies to support high-quality inclusive early childhood opportunities.*